

1. (previously presented) A boot comprising an outer layer of stretched leather which is manually or mechanically stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state, a lining which extends below the compressible cold insulating material a sufficient distance so that the cold insulating material is not compressed between the [outer layer of leather] toe box and the lining when the boot is worn, and an outsole.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the cold insulating material has a thickness of at least .75 inches.

6. (previously presented) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the cold insulating material has a thickness of between .75 and 1.00 inches.

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the height of the toe box is at least 1.9 inches.

9. (new) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 8 wherein the length of the toe box is at least 2 inches.